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Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for intelligent communication management within a communication device comprising the steps of:

initiating communication with a contact using a first communication means via a first communication connection;

detecting that the first communication connection is disconnected ~~not active~~;

identifying a second communication means associated with the contact; and

initiating communication with the contact via a second communication connection to the second communication means.

Claim 2 (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the detecting step comprises:

determining that the first communication connection is not established.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of:

storing a communication preference identifying one or more communication means for sequentially initiating communication with the contact, wherein the second communication means is identified by the communication preference.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

Claim 5 (original): A method as recited in claim 3 wherein the communication preference comprises a communication preference chosen from a group consisting of a fixed communication order, a pattern communication order, a time based communication order, and a calendar based communication order.

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Claim 6 (original): A method as recited in claim 3 further comprising the steps of:
retrieving a historical communication pattern for the contact;
setting the communication preference for the contact using the historical communication pattern.

Claim 7 (original): A method as recited in claim 3 further comprising the steps of:
storing one or more communication preference orders each associated with a timeframe;
determining a current time;
matching the current time with one of the timeframes; and
setting the communication preference to the communication preference order associated with the matched timeframe.

Claim 8 (original): A method as recited in claim 3 further comprising the steps of:
storing one or more calendar events each associated with a time frame, wherein each calendar event has an associated communication preference order;
determining a current time;
matching the current time with one of the timeframes; and
setting the communication preference to the communication preference order of the calendar event associated with the matched timeframe.

Claim 9 (original): A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
storing one or more communication means for the contact;
displaying the stored one or more communication means; and
selecting the second communication means from the displayed one or more communication means prior to the initiating the second communication step.

Claim 10 (original): A method as recited in claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
displaying the second communication means; and

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selecting the second communication means prior to the initiating the second communication connection step.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A communication device having intelligent communication management, the communication device comprising:

a transceiver for communicating with a contact using a first communication means via a first communication connection;

a processor coupled to the transceiver for processing signals received from the transceiver and sending commands to the transceiver for communicating with one or more communication means including the first communication means and a second communication means;

a memory coupled to the processor for storing one or more contacts each having one or more associated communication means, the memory storing the contact associated with the first communication means and the second communication means; and

a communications manager application coupled to the processor and to the memory, wherein the communications manager application is adapted to:

detect that the first communication connection with the contact is disconnected;

identify the second communication means associated with the contact; and

cause the processor to initiate a second communication connection to the second communication means.

Claim 12 (original): A communication device having intelligent communication management as recited in claim 11 wherein the memory further stores one or more communication preferences identifying the sequential order of the communication means for initiating communication with the contact, wherein the second communication means is identified by the communication preference.